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For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THREE-DIMENSIONALLY DETERMINING THE REFRACTIVE INDEX OF TRANSPARENT OR PARTIALLY TRANSPARENT LAYERS**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Dear Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

A copy of documents BA, BB, BC, CA, CB, CC, CD and CE are attached. Of these references, all except CE were disclosed in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 5, 2005. The relevance of BA, BB, BC, CA, CB, CC, CD is indicated therein. Applicant did not supply copies of BA, BB, BC, CA, CB, CC, CD due to an exchange program in place at that time among the PTO, the EPO, and the JPO in which the documents were to be directly furnished by WIPO. Documents CC, CD are English language abstracts of documents BB and BC. The relevance of reference CE can be found in the discussion on page 10 section VI(A) of Applicant's Amendment and Reply concurrently filed herewith.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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